

International Survey of Attorney Licensing Fees
Ranked By Mandatory Annual Fee and Attorney Population
 Compiled July 1, 2004 By Office of Attorney Ethics of New Jersey

A. UNITED STATES

Maximum Fee = \$3,032

Average Fee = \$334

Minimum Fee = \$105

Rank By Attorneys	Rank By Fees	Jurisdiction	Total Attorneys	Maximum Mandatory Annual Fee	Earmarked For Discipline~	Earmarked For Client Protection	Mandatory Malpractice Fee	Inactive Fee
27	1	Oregon*	15,450	\$3,032z		\$5	\$2,600	\$110
22	2	Tennessee	20,457	\$535w	\$105	\$10		
14	3	Connecticut	32,060	\$525yy		\$75		
42	4	New Hampshire*	5,354	\$495	\$195	\$50		\$160
4	5	Texas*	83,911	\$465y				\$50
46	6	Alaska*+	3,440	\$450		\$10		\$150
24	7	Arizona*	17,924	\$435		\$20		\$240
40	8	Hawaii*	6,709	\$430	\$200	\$50		\$75
47	9	Delaware	3,032	\$405	\$260	\$100		\$65
41	10	Rhode Island*+	5,400	\$400	\$175	\$25		\$50
2	11	California*	192,656	\$390	\$25	\$35		\$50
19	12	Washington*+	28,108	\$375		\$13		\$117
21	13	Wisconsin*+	21,000	\$370	\$133	\$10		\$172
44	14	Idaho*	4,488	\$360		\$20		\$140
38	15	Nevada*	7,418	\$350		\$15		\$125
36	16	Utah*	8,116	\$350	\$72			\$90
39	17	New Mexico*	7,235	\$345	\$130			\$75
12	18	Michigan*+	35,712	\$315	\$120	\$15		\$218
50	19	South Dakota*	2,563	\$315				\$75
51	20	North Dakota*+	1,830	\$305	\$75			

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34	21	Nebraska*	8,654	\$300	\$60			\$150
32	22	South Carolina*	10,942	\$290	\$50	\$20		\$140
45	23	Montana*	3,877	\$285	\$75	\$20		\$100
9	24	Florida*	74,328	\$265	\$0	\$20		\$175
23	25	Louisiana*	19,000	\$265	\$165			
26	26	Alabama*	16,940	\$250				\$125
33	27	Mississippi*	9,230	\$250				\$50
11	28	Virginia*	37,876	\$250	\$115			\$125
49	29	Wyoming*	2,683	\$250				\$138
5	30	Illinois	79,682	\$229	\$180			\$90
13	31	Georgia*	34,701	\$228v		\$20		\$104
18	32	Missouri*	28,252	\$225	\$68			\$140
29	33	Kentucky*+	14,294	\$221				
8	34	Massachusetts	74,542	\$220	\$160	\$50		\$110
20	35	North Carolina*	26,069	\$220	\$70	\$20		
15	36	Minnesota	31,591	\$218	\$122	\$12		
43	37	Maine+	4,912	\$212		\$20		\$110
17	38	Colorado	30,000	\$195	\$161	\$18		\$50
37	39	West Virginia*	7,519	\$195				\$50
7	40	New Jersey	78,862	\$190	\$134	\$50		
35	41	Arkansas+	8,300	\$175		\$17		\$88
1	42	New York	207,413	\$175		\$65		
28	43	Oklahoma*+	15,124	\$175	\$35			
3	44	Pennsylvania	89,960	\$175	\$130	\$45		
6	45	Dist. of Columbia*	78,879	\$165	\$61	\$1		\$112
48	46	Vermont	2,800	\$150				\$75
10	47	Ohio	52,541	\$138				
30	48	Iowa	13,860	\$135	\$125			
31	49	Kansas+	12,740	\$135	\$100			\$50
16	50	Maryland+	31,541	\$120	\$100	\$20		
25	51	Indiana	17,534	\$105	\$78			\$45

- ~ All states have disciplinary system budgets; several specifically earmark in advance the dollar amount of the annual fee allocated to discipline.
- * Mandatory Bar State.
- +/- Proposed future increase/decrease pending or approved.
- v Plus \$50 Bar Facility Assessment for 5 years.
- w State tax on attorney licenses (\$400).
- y State tax on attorney licenses (\$200).
- yy State or local tax on attorney licenses (\$450).
- z \$2,600 average mandatory malpractice fee. Average Nationwide Annual Fee excluding Oregon malpractice charge is \$274.

B. CANADA

Maximum Fee = \$3,941

Average Fee = \$2,923

Minimum Fee = \$1,850

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1	1	Ontario	34,561	\$3,941		\$230	\$2,500	\$385
3	2	Alberta	7,348	\$3,784				
2	3	British Columbia+	10,592	\$3,593		\$600	\$1,500	\$300
5	4	Nova Scotia	2,408	\$2,380		\$1	\$800	\$200
6	5	Manitoba	2,006	\$1,990	\$178	\$165	\$642	\$107
4	6	Saskatchewan	4,338	\$1,850		\$45	\$700	\$150

Future Annual Fee Increase or Decrease Approved or Proposed

Alaska	Increase to \$550 under consideration.
Arkansas	Increase of \$25 to \$200 per year approved as of 1/1/2008.
British Columbia	Referendum pending to make Canadian Bar Assn membership mandatory, which would increase yearly fee by \$497.70. Law Society fee to increase from \$825 for 2004 to \$980.50 for 2005.
Kansas	Increase of \$15 to \$150 per year approved as of 7/1/2005.
Kentucky	Increase to \$270 pending approval.
Maine	Awaiting Court's decision on a proposed \$10 increase in the Client Protection Fund assessment. If increase is approved, it will be effective July 1, 2004.
Maryland	Increase of \$5 per year for 5 years after 7/1/04.
Michigan	To increase by \$5 increments each year through 2007.
North Dakota	Increase just approved. Will increase by \$50 effective 1/1/2005.
Oklahoma	Increase of \$100/year for active and \$50/year for in practice 3 years or less becomes effective 1/1/2005.
Rhode Island	Will increase to \$425 effective 7/1/05.
Washington	Annual fee will increase to \$383 in 2005 and \$391 in 2006.